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INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM SET ON FISHERY RESOURCES ALLOCATION

An international symposium will be held in Vichy, France, to study and evaluate various ways to conserve and manage fishery resources to benefit the people of both developed and developing countries.

The meeting, scheduled for April 20-24, 1980, will be sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior, the National Marine Fisheries Service of the Department of Commerce, Canada's Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the United Nations' European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization. It will be hosted by France's Ministere de l'Environnement et du Cadre de Vie (Direction de la Protection de la Nature).

The five-panel symposium will consider fishery and related resources with particular attention being paid to recreational fishing in both fresh and marine waters. Recreational fishing has not been recognized by most countries for its socioeconomic importance. A major objective is to develop information that will help place recreational fishing at a higher level than it currently enjoys worldwide among other competitive uses of fishery resources.

Participants from the United States will include representatives of the Sport Fishing Institute and the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Officials of State conservation agencies have been canvassed for suggestions of papers to be discussed by the panels.

Additional information may be obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (OFA), Washington, D.C. 20240, or the National Marine Fisheries Service (MRF), Washington, D.C. 20235.

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